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City holds medication take-back event

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside Public Works Department is holding a free household medication take-back event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at 8095 Lincoln Ave.

The event is part of the “No Drugs Down the Drain” campaign, a public education program to dissuade people from flushing unused prescription and over-the-counter medication down a toilet. Traces of medication have been found downstream in several Southern California waterways where they are a potential hazard to aquatic life.

City residents can take their unused medications to the event where they can be properly disposed of. Pet medications are also accepted.

“We just want to give everyone an opportunity to ensure their unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines are disposed of without polluting our waterways,” said Diann Paul, the coordinator of the event.

No controlled substances will be accepted. The Drug Enforcement Administration classifies “controlled substances” as drugs that have a pattern of abuse and a potential danger to public health, physically or psychologically. For more on these substances, go to: <http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/pubs/csa.html>.

For more event information, call (951) 826-5311.

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